

BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

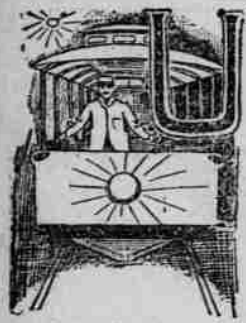
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CITIZENS' CONVENTION,

Clear the Track! The People's Trolley Car is Rushing Down the Line!



UNITED in the common cause of good government and efficient city officers, the citizens of Great Bend gathered in the court room Thursday night last and nominated a ticket that ought to be elected from top to bottom. Party lines were laid aside, and the candidates chosen for their well known fitness and qualifications—not as a reward for party service or as a stepping stone to some future position aspired to by would-be bosses.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS:

The meeting was called to order at 8:15, and E. L. Hotchkiss selected as chairman and W. P. Feder secretary of the convention.

On motion the chair appointed D. T. Armstrong, Geo. W. Moore and D. C. Luse a committee of three on Order of Business.

The voters present then separated into wards and made the following nominations for ward candidates:

First Ward; for council, W. F. Honnen, School Board, Ed. Tyler.

Second Ward; for council, John Dickson, School Board, Wm. Osmond.

Third Ward; Council, Geo. C. Kincaid, School Board, D. C. Luse.

Fourth Ward; Council, H. L. Shore, School Board, I. N. Woodward.

The report of the committee on order of business was adopted, and nominations proceeded with in accordance with it.

Motion carried that candidates be placed in nomination by informal ballot, the chairman of each ward delegation to announce the votes in the wards.

MAYOR. On motion the rules were suspended, and Geo. N. Moses was nominated by acclamation for mayor.

CLERK. On motion the rules were suspended, and George Crummack was nominated by acclamation for city clerk.

CITY TREASURER. On motion the rules were suspended, and Louis Zutavern was nominated by acclamation for city treasurer.

MARSHAL. Informal ballot, Geo. W. Moore 24, Chas. Beye 12, R. T. Ewalt 10, Foster Jordan 6, Frank Hays 1. Formal ballot, Moore 40, Jordan 9, Ewalt 8, Beye 7. Moore having received a majority of all votes cast was declared the nominee for marshal.

JUSTICES. Informal ballot, J. H. Jennison 36, D. J. Newton 18, John F. Lewis 2, W. P. Bruce 2, B. F. Ogle 2, D. M. Woodburn 1, Cheeney 1. Jennison having received a majority of all votes cast, on motion the informal ballot was declared formal, and Jennison nominated. Upon motion the rules were suspended, and D. J. Newton was declared the nominee for the second justice of the peace.

POLICE JUDGE. The rules were, on motion suspended, and W. M. Gunnell declared the unanimous choice of the convention for police judge.

SCHOOL TREASURER. Upon motion the rules were suspended, and A. C. Allen declared the nominee for treasurer of the school board, by a unanimous vote.

STREET COMMISSIONER. W. A. Rush was nominated for street commissioner by a suspension of the rules and unanimous vote.

CONSTABLES. Informal ballot, W. H. Zutavern 30, R. E. Hornbeck 2, Bob Brown 3, Geo. Thatcher 3, scattering 17. On the first formal ballot W. H. Zutavern was nominated and on the second formal John W. Dawson was nominated, for constables.

On motion, convention adjourned.

The only complete report of the two city conventions was found in the DEMOCRAT. We do not fill our columns with patent medicine advertisements, ready-made plate matter, or ancient history. We believe the readers of today are interested in the things that

are happening to day. We also believe that our local business men are more entitled to get their advertisements before our people than are the dealers of patent nostrums, and we will not give space to the foreign advertiser at any less rates than to the local merchants; hence we have none of those objectionable advertisements, because they never are willing to pay the same rate that the local merchant or business man is charged. A glance at the advertising columns of the DEMOCRAT will show you that our business men appreciate this spirit of fairness, and place their advertisements where the greater number of people will see them.

Our Grain and Stock.

To get some idea of the amount of products shipped out of Barton county in a year, a reporter of the DEMOCRAT has obtained from the different station agents in the county, statements as to the number of car loads of live stock, grain and mill products shipped out of the county for the year ending December 31st, 1896, which gives a total for the county as follows:

Cars of live stock.....	427
Cars of grain.....	1,225
Cars of mill products.....	379

Total, 1896.....2,031.

Would you have thought that Barton county had over 2,000 carloads of stuff for sale last year?

There were, however, 238 cars of live stock shipped into the county during the year, to be fed here.

Add to the stock and grain shipped out, the millions of dozens of eggs, the thousands of pounds of butter and other creamery products, and you will begin to get an idea that Barton county is no slouch as a producing county after all.

Our Bank Deposits.

It may be of interest to the readers of the DEMOCRAT to know the amount of individual deposits in the various banks of the county. A DEMOCRAT reporter has compiled a statement from the statements of the various banks published in March, as follows:

Great Bend, 3 banks.....	\$256,397.43.
Ellinwood, 2 banks.....	118,635.09.
Hoisington, 1 bank.....	16,256.29.
Cladlin, 1 bank.....	20,387.66.

Total.....\$411,676.47.

Considering the hard times, and the series of crop failures during the past few years, this showing of the amount of money our citizens have for deposit is not bad.

Of the total deposits in all the banks \$147,533.46 are time deposits—a little over one third of the total—on which the depositors draw interest.

Hoisington Citizens' Ticket.

As per call a mass meeting of the citizens of Hoisington was held at Ladenberger hall and the following city ticket placed in nomination:

Mayor, A. H. Amidon.
Clerk, L. F. Johnson.
Treasurer, Wm. Young.
Marshal, E. F. Boxwell.
Police Judge, J. C. Lytle.
Street Commissioner, J. M. Butler.
Councilmen, J. W. Soderstrom, A. Schwager, Geo. Valerius, W. H. Hall, H. Grover.

Pawnee Rock Election.

The city election at Pawnee Rock will occur Monday next. Two tickets are in the field as follows: Citizens—Mayor, W. M. Lewis, Police Judge, Chas. Gano, Councilmen, A. Miller, Lewis Haight, W. S. McDougal, and James Riggs. Independent.—Mayor, N. P. Smith, Police Judge, H. T. Ratcliffe; Council, J. Cleveland, D. R. Logan, J. H. Daniele, F. A. Smith, and Chas. Gano.

Pawnee Rock Silver Club.

A meeting of the Pawnee Rock Silver Club is hereby called to be held Saturday evening, April 3, 1897, to take action in regard to our legislature.

IRA BARTLE, Pres.
H. C. Neal, Sec.

Miss Louie Frost left on Tuesday for Kansas City, Kansas, where she has a clerkship in the office of State Grain Inspector Culver. The good wishes of a large host of friends go with her, and all are exceedingly glad that she has secured a good position at work which she is so well qualified to perform.

LETTER FROM THE EAST.

George M. Moss Writes an Interesting Letter, from the Home of Protection.

EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT:



SEND, under separate cover, a marked copy of today's Boston Herald. There are several very interesting editorials that I consider it well worth your time to read. The Herald is an independent paper, and a staunch supporter of Mr. McKinley in the last campaign.

This, I consider makes the editorials all the more interesting. The republican party will "cork themselves" on this tariff, sure. The country repudiated a high tariff in '90 and '92, and this being a higher tariff than the McKinley bill I shall expect a democratic landslide in 1898 and 1900. The country has its eyes open. People have studied this question and will not allow themselves to be robbed by a combination of republican manufacturers and republican politicians.

What did free raw material do for us last year? Didn't we export more than we ever did before, and only \$6,000,000 more imports? I see France has raised her tariff on our cattle, hogs, sheep, meats and grain so it virtually shuts us out, because the new tariff bill is going to make it impossible for them to ship their silks, wine, etc. over here.

It seems to me we will come nearer having a "home market" under the new law than ever and I sincerely hope the American people will get all they want of it. A "home market" that, if carried to perfection, would cause a glut in agricultural products, consequently low prices, as the supply would exceed the home demands; our people required to pay high tariff prices for everything they buy; manufacturers getting richer all the time, and trusts flourishing; labor poorly paid and large numbers idle because with a "home market" there would be no need of manufacturing so much, and poorly paid because the supply of labor far exceeded the demand.

There are only 6 1/2 per cent of the population of the United States engaged in manufacturing, counting all owners and laborers. Making it 7 per cent for round numbers, is it right that 93 per cent should be taxed to death for the benefit of 7 per cent? This is allowing that 7 per cent are benefited. We claim only the manufacturers are benefited, and they are less than 1 per cent of the population of the United States. 99 per cent working to make 1 per cent rich. 50 per cent of the population of this country are farmers. What good is a high protection or any protection to them? Why do they think it wise to vote for a party that believes in a home market only? Is it right to tax that 50 per cent for every thing they buy while they have to accept any price, or free trade prices, for all they have to sell?

I have made the tariff a study of late years, and especially this last year, and while I may not know so very much about it, I think I know more than some one who has not lived in the manufacturing districts, a Kansas republican farmer for instance.

Sometime I will write you more fully in regard to my observations if you would desire it, but as my time is limited just now, I will close by telling you about an Olneyville, R. I., manufacturer. This man is the proprietor of a large cotton mill at Olneyville, which is just a short distance from Providence. Last summer he made a big cut in wages, claiming he was forced to by the new tariff law. He is a republican of course—all the big manufacturers are.

The men struck, as he expected they would; they said they could not live on the wages. The factory was closed; the proprietor gave \$5,000 toward the republican campaign fund, took his family on his yacht and sailed for Newport. After sailing around and having a good time, both on the water and in Newport, for a couple of months, his men were starved out and ready to

go to work at his terms. Do you think he will raise their wages now unless forced to? I guess not. Did they do it at Homestead after the McKinley bill was passed? Regards to all. Very Truly yours,
GEORGE M. MOSS,
No. 231, Broadway, Providence, R. I.

Cyclone at Cladlin.

The storm that swept this county about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, developed into a small cyclone at Cladlin and did considerable damage. The end of the warehouse of the Cladlin Hardware & Implement Co. was blown off; the New York store building had a corner torn off and the windows blown in; the old McDermott livery barn was turned inside out, and chimneys and windows all over town suffered more or less. Fortunately no one received bodily injury.

The Storm in Great Bend.

Black destruction threatened the town Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock but fortunately not much damage was done. The east side school building was struck by lightning, and the teacher, Mrs. Dida Patterson brought to her knees by the shock, while the children were more or less affected. No serious damage to the building. The barn of Mrs. Sarah Craig, and the board fence at the Standard Oil Co. plant, in the south part of town, were blown down, and wind mills, outhouses and chimneys all over town suffered some damage.

The city school board at its March meeting, last week, finished the revision of the new course of study, and adopted it. Students will start in on the new course this fall—after the summer vacation. The old course of study provided for eleven grades and a fifteen year course, while the new course is for twelve years, with twelve grades. Promotions will be made this fall on the lines of the new course of study.

DIED—On Friday morning, March 26th, 1897, at her home in Liberty township, Mrs. Elizabeth Kern, aged 45 years. Deceased was the wife of Frank Kern, a well known and prosperous farmer, and her loss is a severe blow to the family. Funeral services were conducted at the Catholic church in this city Saturday, the 27th at 11 a. m. and the remains interred in the Great Bend cemetery.

DIED—On Friday, March 26th, at the home of J. B. Chapman, where he has been boarding of late, A. W. Mooney aged 58 years. Deceased had been sick about six days, of inflammation of the bowels. The remains were taken to LaCrosse on Friday night for burial there Sunday afternoon. He was a Mason, and that order took charge of the funeral ceremonies.

A Larned young man is worried because some little girls saw him throw a kiss at his best girl.—Optic.

Well, well! This is news to us. We understood from one high in the councils of said Larned young man, that the little girls referred to denied this story. Better examine this case thoroughly, Tom. Maybe (rry) you are mistaken.

Vote for J. H. Jennison and D. J. Newton for justices of the peace, and when they are elected you will know that if you have any justice work done it will be done RIGHT, and that the records will be kept so that they at all times show the standing of the case, and the disposal of all monies.

Say, Charley Allen will make a splendid treasurer of the school board, won't he? He is a neat and careful book-keeper, always courteous and accommodating. Besides, he is a graduate of our high schools, and our citizens will take pride in giving him a position of trust.

If you have trouble with disease of the eye, ear, nose or throat or if you require glasses, consult Drs. Cashman and Sapero. Office at the Morrison House. Their references are your neighbors and friends. Write to them and be convinced.

"When I want to see a report of any meeting, convention, or occurrence of note, I know I will always find it in the DEMOCRAT," remarked a republican friend last Friday. That is what the DEMOCRAT is published for.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. E. B. Smith and little Helen are home from Lawrence.

Will Bunting is local agent for the Aetna Loan Co., for this city.

The city elections at Hoisington and Ellinwood occur next Monday.

Orie W. Dawson made a business trip to Wichita the first of the week.

WANTED—1000 bushels cane seed at once. BERLER & WINTERBURG.

The grand, annual concert at Landsburg occurs next Tuesday, April 6th.

Look out there! The kids are "playing for you." This is the 1st of April.

If you don't think the DEMOCRAT is a hummer this week you are April fooled.

Mrs. A. R. Moss and daughter came in from Iowa last week, and will spend the summer here.

Mrs. E. A. Swift, who has been visiting relatives in Wisconsin, returned home last Thursday.

The Methodist church people gave a farewell party to Rev. Davis and family Monday evening.

The Hoisington Woodmen visited Bison, in Rush county, Friday night, and instituted a new lodge.

John Rehn has a word to say to the readers of the DEMOCRAT, in the advertising columns this week.

Rev. W. E. Robinson is the new M. E. minister located at Pawnee Rock for the next twelve months.

Rev. E. H. Robicam will attend to the M. E. people on the Hoisington circuit during the coming year.

Mrs. Millis, of LaCrosse, a sister of Engineer Mooney, came down last week to nurse her brother during his illness.

Our friends "Peggy" and "McGinty" got their items to this office last week one day too late. Mail one day earlier, please.

Hoisington has a population of 953, and is therefore entitled to a street commissioner, who will be elected at this spring's election.

Mrs. G. W. Poole, Miss Florence, and Mrs. A. C. Spaulding returned from the south Saturday night last after being away about six months.

President McKinley has to slip out of Washington to get away from the pie hunters, who are thicker than flies in August.

We call your attention to the statement of the financial condition of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, to be found elsewhere in this paper.

F. A. McGuire, a Great Bend resident of the early days, who is now in business at Hutchinson, was visiting Great Bend last week.

George Crummack should receive the vote of everyone who wants the official records of the city properly looked after. He makes an ideal city clerk.

The "Citizens' Ticket" is good enough. Make a cross in the square in front of each name on it—from top to bottom—and you will be helping to elect good officers.

Farmers and horse breeder's are requested to note carefully the advertisement of Shaffer & Bro's. Shire horse, "Creston No. 3741," to be found elsewhere in this paper.

Every member of the council will tell you that George Crummack is the most competent and all around the best city clerk we have ever had. Cast your votes for George Crummack.

J. F. Stevens says: "Raise mules and you will then have something that will sell." He has the Spencer Jack, "Tom," and will stand him this season at the Rowell Stock Farm.

Delbert Stryker, second son of Geo. Stryker of this city, has been appointed bond clerk in the State Superintendent's office. We are glad to see so deserving a young man get this responsible position.

Members of the Great Bend Camp of Modern Woodmen assisted in instituting a new Camp at Seward, last Thursday night. The new lodge starts out with a fine number of young and enthusiastic members.